## **Agenda**

## Ringwood Mines Superfund Site Community Advisory Group Meeting

July 13, 2017 Ringwood Library, Ringwood, NJ

1. Introductory Remarks by Chief Vincent Mann, chief of the Turtle Clan, Ramapough Lenape Indian Nation and Pat Seppi, US EPA.

Brief history of the Community Advisory Group by Chief Mann.

Introduction of the Group Members:

**Chief Vincent Mann** 

Judith Sullivan, Esq.

Ms. Wenke Taule

Ms. Robin Cannetti

Mr. Douglas Ruccione

Mr. Ben Nemser

Ms. Lisa Chiang

Mr. Robert Spiegel

Mr. Jeff Tittel

Ms. Vivian Milligan

Purpose of the group by Chief Mann.

Delivery of the Community Action Plan by Ms. Seppi.

Comments from Jeff Tittel, Director, New Jersey Sierra Club

Invitation to contact us: telephone, email, or Facebook.

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2. Status of the Remediation Effort at the Superfund Site by Joseph Gowers, US EPA and Mayor Speer, Mayor, Ringwood.

First phase recommendation is written by Mr. Joseph Gowers, USEPA.

Permeable cap and some soil excavation.

A detention pond.

Rebuilding of the recycling center update by Mayor Speer, Ringwood.

Second phase is not yet written (groundwater) (status).

3. Update on latest information released by the US EPA and the North Jersey Water Commission by Judith Sullivan and Charles Shotmeyer (invited), Chair, North Jersey Water Commission.

North Jersey Water Commission Report by Charles Shotmeyer. http://www.northjersey.com/story/news/environment/2017/06/19/report-contamination-ringwood-could-threaten-wanaque-reservoir/39974900 1/

Recommends a pump and treat station at Peter's Mine Pit for 1,4 contaminated groundwater and additional testing wells.

The Wanaque Reservoir does not currently have the ability to clean the water to remove 1,4 dioxane.

Permit Equivalent Applications submitted by Ford in Fall of 2016, and can be found on Ramapough Conservancy's Facebook Page.

## 4. Questions from Audience

Identifying yourself is optional.

Be aware news reporters attend our meetings and it has been our experience they are enormously helpful to the CAG's efforts.

## 5. Funding for CAG by Judith Sullivan

CAG currently has no funding despite requests to EPA.

TAG and TAC short explanation.

A Technical Assistance Service Program for the Community involves hiring a contractor employed by the United States government to help the community interpret data and understand the processes involved in a Superfund site. <a href="https://www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-services-communities-tasc-program">https://www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-services-communities-tasc-program</a>.

A Technical Assistance Grant is a grant, with matching requirements, given to a non-profit corporation to help the community interpret data and understand the processes involved in a Superfund site. https://www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-grant-tag-program.

5. Resolutions for the CAG to consider (even though the CAG is not incorporated, resolutions in spirit with good intention can be voted upon):

Resolution on the continued concern over documents being released without being live-streamed to the CAG.

Resolution on learning the cost and expense of SKEO and University of Virginia's Community Action Plan Project.

Resolution on sending a formal letter to the Office of Inspector General regarding a breach of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the NEPA in that the Ramapough Lenape Indian Nation

has not been invited to meetings between the EPA and the Potentially Responsible Parties.

Resolution on request for 30 years of testing proof from the US EPA cited in the latest equivalent permit applications as the CAG believes 30 years of continuous testing has not occurred.

Resolution on ascertaining the US EPA's intention to respond in action, if any, to the North Jersey Water Supply Commission Report.

Resolution on request that sentinel wells be installed in close proximity to the borough wells.

Resolution that Ford Motor Company and the Borough of Ringwood formally participate at CAG meetings by sitting at the deus table for the community to understand participants better and to receive information clearly.

Resolution that the EPA and Ford include the boro wells in their ROD's (the 2014 ROD should be amended) and the Groundwater ROD must include the Boro Wells.

Resolution for the USEPA and Ford Motor Company to identify the discharging pipe discussed at the last CAG meeting in May with 1,4 dioxane into Park Brook which feeds to the Wanaque Reservoir 1.5 miles away.

Resolution for the USEPA to involve a geologist in the permit equivalent applications.

Resolution for the USEPA to provide a writing to the CAG within 30 days as to the documents printed and kept at the Ringwood Library as the official public repository for the Superfund Site.

Resolution for the CAG to honor Jan Barry at the next meeting for his role in investigative reporting leading the Superfund Site to be listed on the Superfund List, the first time in history a site was found to be insufficiently cleaned up by the EPA.

- 6. More questions from the Audience by Judith Sullivan
- 7. Approval of last meeting's minutes.
- 8. Other business.